

EXHIBIT A

California Planned Parenthood Education Fund

April 22, 2019

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Freedom of Information Officer
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 729H
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

**RE: Freedom of Information Act Request Regarding Title X Grant Recipients for
Fiscal Year 2019**

Dear Freedom of Information Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and its implementing regulations, I hereby make this request for records on behalf of the California Planned Parenthood Education Fund (CPPEF).

In CPPEF's comment letter to HHS submitted on July 30, 2018, CPPEF outlined the far-reaching and devastating impact of the proposed rule issued by HHS titled "Compliance with Statutory Program Integrity Requirements" (RIN:0937-ZA00). The proposed rule set forth significant changes to the Title X family planning program. On March 4, 2019, the final rule was published and was largely consistent with the proposal.

On August 1, 2018, CPPEF submitted a FOIA request for information focusing on how the proposed rule was formulated, who was involved in consulting with the Department, and the comment submission posting and review process. HHS failed to respond to CPPEF's August 1, 2018 FOIA request in a timely fashion and it is now the subject of litigation in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Case No. 2:19-cv-00340-TLN-CKD.

CPPEF submits this new FOIA request for information related to a specific entity, namely Obria Group, Inc. and the grant application review and awards process. The FOIA request submitted through this letter is not intended to amend, limit, supersede, or impact the Government's obligations with respect to CPPEF's prior FOIA request or the pending litigation in any way.

On March 29, 2019, HHS announced Title X grant recipients, including Obria Group, Inc., in California. Obria Group does not offer comprehensive family planning and reproductive healthcare services, and is a first-time recipient of the grant. This FOIA

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request seeks a copy of all of the following records (in electronic format or print versions if electronic versions are not available). References to HHS are intended to include all divisions within HHS, including the Office of Population Affairs, the Conscience and Religious Freedom Division, and any other department, office, or division:

1. From May 1, 2017 through March 29, 2019, all communications, including e-mails, text messages, phone logs, messages conveyed through internal messaging software and meetings (including names of attendees and calendar descriptions) discussing or referencing the Obria Group and/or Obria Medical Clinics. Included in this request is all internal communications between and amongst HHS employees and executive staff, management, as well as all external communications with outside consultants or members of the public.
2. From May 1, 2017 through March 29, 2019, all communications, including e-mails, text messages, phone logs, messages conveyed through internal messaging software and meetings (including names of attendees and calendar descriptions) between and amongst HHS employees and executive staff, management, and/or outside consultants with any of the following individuals who are associated with the Obria Group:

Leslie Willkom

Corey Tabor

Andrew Herrera

Kathleen Eaton Bravo

Mauricio Leone

Patrick D. Nunnelly

William Biel

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Mark Puzdrak

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Marjorie Dannenfelser

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Gary Walker, MD

Cynthia McClendon, FNP

Marie Doan, FNP/BC

3. From May 1, 2017 through March 29, 2019, all communications, including e-mails, text messages, phone logs, messages conveyed through internal messaging software and meetings (including names of attendees and calendar descriptions) between and amongst HHS employees and executive staff, management, and/or outside consultants discussing the objective review and scoring process for grant applications.
4. The scores that each California grant applicant received in the objective review process including both denials and awardees and the ranking based on scores.
5. Any documentation explaining additional factors that were considered apart from the ranked scoring system in determining the final awards for California grantees.
6. The names of all reviewers who were responsible for evaluating California's grant applications.

CPPEF believes that the documents sought are agency records of great public interest, and are not exempt from required disclosure under FOIA. This request is made with the understanding that it will be forwarded to any other federal government offices that may be in possession of the requested documents. In addition, given that disclosure of these records would be in the public interest, even if you determine that certain of the documents sought are exempt under FOIA, CPPEF requests that you disclose these documents as a matter of agency discretion. If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason and statutory authority that you believe justifies your refusal to release the information, together with a synopsis of the records withheld. In the case of redactions, please state a reason for each partial denial of access. To expedite this request, CPPEF is willing to discuss specific instances of redaction or other exemption claims in advance of a final decision by the agency.

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Please send all requested materials to my attention, to the address provided below, within 20 days, and produce all records currently existing in electronic format on a CD, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(3)(B).

Sincerely,



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